

in the neighborhood, one finds a sign on the door, "On Time," or "I am Tardy," showing that they, too, have begun a campaign.

Bibles and "Finding the Place"

Individuals, once pupils in our Sunday-school, are found teaching now in Sunday-schools of other denominations. On a recent visit we found one of our brightest pupils acting as secretary, and giving the whole school an intelligent exposition of the lesson. In another school we found a group of our pupils who had received Bibles as a reward for faithful study amusing themselves by "finding the place" while they waited for the tardy school to assemble.

Approved by Both Races

The most convincing proof that this work is reaching a much-felt need in the Negro race is shown by the fact that, in eleven years, it has grown from a Sunday-school with 23 pupils to two large industrial missions with 700 Negroes, living on sixty different streets, in regular attendance. More pupils are continually applying than we can admit with our present buildings and equipments.

An important result has been the development of a wider and more sympathetic interest on the part of the white people. Its founders were strangers in the city, without money or influence. Now, fifty white people from representative families in Louisville are devoting some time each week to this work for the Negroes. A number of ministers, physicians, lawyers, social workers, housekeepers, public-school teachers, and business men give their time and money for its support.

The teaching, both in the Sunday-school and in the industrial classes, has been done by a body of Christian white people representing several denominations. A more efficient and faithful corps of helpers cannot be found in the land. Hot or cold, rain or shine, they are at their post. It is largely due to their efforts that this work has grown and prospered, and from them the writer has received his great inspiration.

Coöperation with Other Organizations

Different organizations were brought to coöperate in supplying what the missions were not able to give.

The Associated Charities have placed their investigators at our disposal and have relieved worthy cases of destitution.

The Tenement House Commission, at our request, made

extensive investigations of the condition of the Negro, and are ready now to give valuable aid in providing better dwellings.

The Recreation League have been coöperating with the mission in maintaining playgrounds for colored children.

The ablest surgeons and physicians have treated the humblest children in need of care.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Association has rendered valuable assistance, providing literature for free distribution, milk and eggs for destitute cases, and the best medical service. Few people know how many servants go from infected homes to homes of culture and wealth — how many family washings are done in the presence of this disease. Self-defense demands that every scientific method be applied in preventing this disease, and that all agencies join hands in the campaign.

The students of the Kentucky Presbyterian Theological Seminary, from its inception, have taken an active interest in the welfare of these missions. The missions, in turn, have directed their thoughts towards the great multitude of Negroes in the South that must be reached by the Gospel. Several of these young men have offered to make this their life work. The only reason they are not so employed is that the missions have not had the means at their disposal.

Extension to Other Cities

Such a work is practical in other cities in the South, like Atlanta, Memphis, Nashville, etc., etc. Two things must be done to establish such a work:

(1) A Southern white man secured as superintendent.

(2) Money must be provided for the support of this man, and for the expense of the mission.

In my judgment, the greatest difficulty at the present time is the securing of money. The Southern white churches are slow to contribute to such a work. At the present time, there are among my acquaintances several young men and young women who for a reasonable salary would gladly give their strength to the carrying on of such missions. The time has come for the North and the South to unite in purpose and prayer and patience in their efforts for the salvation of the great mass of Negroes outside of the Church of God.

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